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### Nominations Sought for 2003 Governor's Award for Quality Care

DES MOINES, IOWA - Nominations are now being accepted for the 2003 Governor's Award for Quality Care in Health Care Facilities. The Governor's Award recognizes health care facilities in the state that demonstrate the highest quality care to their residents. Nominations are open to all long-term care providers including nursing facilities, skilled nursing facilities, residential care facilities, and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded or the mentally ill. Since the inception of the award, 13 long-term care facilities in Iowa have received the Governor's special recognition.

Last year, Governor Tom Vilsack recognized five long-term care facilities for the quality of care provided to their residents. The five facilities selected to receive a 2002 Governor's Quality Care Award were The Alverno Health Care facility in Clinton, Bethany Manor in Story City, the Bishop Drumm Care Center in Johnson, the Oelwein Health Care Center in Oelwein, and the Sunny Knoll Care Centre in Rockwell City.

Residents, family members, or members of a facility's resident advocacy committee may nominate an Iowa-licensed long-term care facility for the award. Facilities may not nominate themselves for the recognition. In order to be considered for the 2003 Governor's Award, the nomination must be received by the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) **no later than January 30, 2004**. Nomination forms may be obtained by calling DIA's Health Facilities Division at (515) 281-4115. Forms may also be downloaded from the Department's web site at <http://www.state.ia.us/government/dia/>.

All nominations must clearly state the reason the facility should be considered, any unique services provided by the facility to its residents, and any activities undertaken by the facility to enhance the quality of care or quality of life for its residents. Upon receipt by DIA, the nominations will be evaluated and a list of finalists prepared. No more than two facilities from each Congressional District may be selected for a Governor's Award.